

BE LIKE WATER

BEWARE THE BAT

The motto of the 2019 Hong Kong protests emphasizes anonymity, spontaneity, flexibility, and evasiveness. Keep moving!

Found a convenient pile of bricks? An open door? Met a strange dude encouraging harm? The opposition will look for any excuse to get physical.

Stay nonviolent while the circumstances allow. Spin the visual narrative in your favor.

STOP DO NOT ENGAGE STOP

PROTECT YOUR IDENTITY

COVER UP ANY IDENTIFYING FEATURES (tattoos, birthmarks, dyed hair)

Don't take photos of other protesters or post them online

If you can't leave your phone on airplane mode and turn off Bluetooth, WiFi, and all app location services

Deactivate biometric phone-unlocking tools (face ID, fingerprint recognition)

In case of arrest or phone separation, write down emergency contact and legal counsel numbers on arm

WHAT TO BRING

CASH/CHANGE

WATER

SPARE MASKS

SNACKS

FIRST AID KIT

CHANGE OF CLOTHES

DIY DEFENSE

Leave no trace, avoid using card for nearby purchases

*Stay hydrated!

*Flush out chemicals, a spray bottle works best

*In case of irritant exposure, or to alter appearance

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trash can lids, and umbrellas work as makeshift shields.

WHAT TO WEAR

HELMET

*Protect against falling debris,

*Counter facial recognition, reduce chemical inhalation (and illness)

GOGGLES

*Do not wear contacts.

EAR PLUGS

*Decrease the sound of acoustic weapons

GLOVES

*Heat-resistant to deal with tear gas canisters

*Note: If cautious wearing some items out of fear of provocation, consider bringing them in a backpack

MASK

*Counter facial recognition, reduce chemical inhalation (and illness)

*Full-face respirator ideal

BACKPACK

LAYERS/LONG SLEEVES/PANTS

*Reduces skin exposure to irritants

TEAR GAS

How to treat someone who's been gassed/maced/pepper sprayed...

1. Leave the active site. Remove contaminated layers of clothing if possible.
2. Flush eyes with clean water (NOT milk!) Sudecon wipes work, too.
3. Wash skin and hair with cool water and soap.

*Expect to be out of commission for 20 minutes

! These chemicals have been known to affect reproductive systems and cause uterine bleeding.

Gas canisters have been extinguished by covering them with traffic cones or metal bowls and quickly pouring water in to snuff it out.

RUBBER BULLETS

Munitions are touted as "less lethal" than metal bullets but can be just as deadly.

Intended to be aimed at the ground from 50-75m away...but more often targeted at close range.

LASER SOUND CANNONS + FLASH BANGS

can cause permanent hearing loss and are loud enough to induce vomiting.

Reverse riot shields can cut down on targeted sound and reflect some back.

CAUTION

SHUT THE F**K UP

Peaceful public protest is entirely within your rights under the First Amendment (though it does not protect "unlawful activity," i.e. property damage and assault)

As long as it's a designated public space, you have the right to film and document happenings.

And remember...

- If you're put in a holding cell...
- Or a transport vehicle...
- If a cop comes to your door...
- If you're pulled over after a protest...
- If you're texting on an unsecure device/app...
- If someone asks about a fellow protestor...
- If a cop asks about your day...

PROTEST SAFELY

A BRIEF COLLECTION OF TIPS FROM AROUND THE INTERNET